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1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUE BRUN IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID THAT THE GREATER PARTY OF TIME BRATTELI SPENT WITH KOSYGIN DURING MARCH 18-25 VISIT TO USSR WAS DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WERE HARDLY TOUCHED UPON WITH BREZHNEV.

2. MOST OF THE ECONOMIC DISCUSSION REVOLVED AROUND TRADE. NORWAY IS BEGINNING EXAMINATION OF A NEW TRADE AGREEMENT AND EXPORT ITEMS WHICH IT COULD FIT INTO NEXT SOVIET FIVE YEAR PLAN. NORWEGIAN INTEREST IS TO INCREASE THEIR STAGNANT EXPORTS TO SOVIETS. BRUN SAID KOSYGIN EXPRESSED GENERAL INTEREST IN NORWEGIAN OFF-SHORE OIL RIGS, LNG TANKERS, AND OTHER HIGH TECHNOLOGY ITEMS. HE RELATED THIS INTEREST TO SOVIET INTEREST IN THE BARENTS SEA, SAYING USSR WISHED TO COOPERATE WITH NORWAY IN ALL ASPECTS OF OFF-SHORE OIL DEVELOPMENT THERE. ACCORDING TO BRUN, KOSYGIN ALSO SAID USSR PRODUCED 250 MILLION TONS OF OIL A YEAR NOW AND WOULD DOUBLE THIS AMOUNT IN FIVE YEARS. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF NORTH STAR PROJECT.

3. ON CIVIL AVIATION, BRATTELI RAISED SCANDINAVIAN (SAS) INTEREST IN OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO PEKING AND FOR A SECOND FREQUENCY TO TOKYO. SOVIETS UNDERSTAND, ACCORDING TO BRUN, WHAT SCANDINAVIANS WANT AND AGREED TO NEGOTIATIONS BUT WISHED TO AVOID REFERENCE TO PEKING AND TOKYO IN COMMUNIQUE.

4. FISHING WAS TREATED VERY GENERALLY BY KOSYGIN WHO CHIDED NORWEGIANS MILDLY FOR OVERFISHING FOR HERRING GENERALLY AND FOR SALMON IN FJORDS IN FINNMARK. ONLY AGREEMENT WAS FOR CONTINUATION OF EXISTING COOPERATION.

5. ENVIRONMENT WAS HARDLY TOUCHED UPON, AND BRUN SAID IT WAS INCLUDED IN COMMUNIQUE BECAUSE SUBJECT IS "MODERN." BYRNE

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